

1. (original): A composition for controlling the bleed fastness of organic colouring pigments in paper coatings comprising

- a) 1 to 30% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of an organic colouring pigment,
- b) 1 to 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of one or more binders,
- c) 0 to 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of starch,
- d) 0 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of an anionic direct dye,
- e) 0 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition one or more auxiliaries and
- f) water to 100%.

2. (original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic colouring pigment is selected from pigments described in the Colour Index International (The Society of Dyers and Colourists, 1997).

3. (currently amended): A composition according to ~~claims~~ claim 1-~~or~~-2, in which the binder, component b), comprises a stable aqueous dispersion of a water insoluble component and a water soluble component, whereby the water insoluble component comprises coalescable polymer particles which have a T_g less than 55°C and at least 50% of which have a particle size less than 1 micron and the water soluble component comprises a water soluble polymer capable of inhibiting coalescence of said polymer particles, or a water soluble polymer and a component capable of inhibiting coalescence of said polymer particles, wherein said water insoluble component comprises greater than 3% and less than 75% by weight of the binder solids and said water soluble component comprises greater than 25% and less than 97% of said binder solids.

4. (currently amended): A composition according to ~~claims~~ claim 1-~~or~~-2, in which the binder, component b), is a water insoluble synthetic polymer derived from one or more dienes and/or unsaturated monomers i.e. latex.

5. (currently amended): A composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1-~~to~~-5, wherein the anionic direct dye is selected from those dyes suitable for the dyeing of paper.

6. (currently amended): A composition according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 6, wherein the auxiliary is selected from fixing agents, binder resins, insolubilizing and/or crosslinking agents, anionic, cationic and neutral polymers, wet-strength agents, antifoams and biocides.
7. (currently amended): A method of controlling the bleed fastness of organic colouring pigments in paper coating compositions, by applying to the paper a composition as defined in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 6.
8. (cancelled).
9. (currently amended): Paper, which has been treated with the composition as defined in ~~claims~~ claim 1 to 6.
10. (new): Paper, which has been treated with the composition as defined in claim 2.
11. (new): A composition according to claim 2, in which the binder, component b), is a water insoluble synthetic polymer derived from one or more dienes and/or unsaturated monomers i.e. latex.
12. (new): A composition according to claim 2, wherein the anionic direct dye is selected from those dyes suitable for the dyeing of paper.
13. (new): A composition according to claim 2, wherein the auxiliary is selected from fixing agents, binder resins, insolubilizing and/or crosslinking agents, anionic, cationic and neutral polymers, wet-strength agents, antifoams and biocides.
14. (new): A method of controlling the bleed fastness of organic colouring pigments in paper coating compositions, by applying to the paper a composition as defined in claim 2.